

EIGHT KILLED IN THE MINE.

TWO HUNDRED STICKS OF DYNAMITE EXPLODE IN A SHAFT.

The Man Who Had Charge of the Explosives Was Killed. Eight Men Were Killed Instantly.

HAZELTON, Pa., July 17.—At No. 8 Stockton mine this morning 200 sticks of dynamite exploded among a gang of men who were preparing to go to their day's work. Eight men were killed. The explosion occurred about 7 o'clock. The men were descending the slope at the time and distributing themselves in the various chambers and gangways where they are employed at the bottom of the slope. Charles O'Donnell, who lives after the explosives and superintendents, was dead before the workman, was busy dealing out dynamite and gave to the leaders and the starters. The latter came to him in groups, and between eight and ten of these workmen were standing about him at the time of the explosion.

The driver boys who had come down earlier had already passed in the muleway and were cleaning and harnessing their teams in the stable which is built in the Wharton gangway about 100 yards from the bottom of the slope. These boys were the only persons who were in the vicinity at the time of the explosion. The concussion was so severe as to knock the mules and the drivers about in the stable. The place was filled with dust and smoke, and all lights were extinguished. The men were demoralized for the time and did not know which way to turn. Although the explosion took place in the mine, it was heard outside, and over an area of surface extending to the lumber yard three miles south and in the adjoining timber.

From the latter mine a rescuing party rushed through subterranean passageways to No. 8. As these men approached the bottom of the shaft, they found the leaders of the gang had come up with the drivers and other laborers groping about in the darkness. Pushing toward the entrance, they found the bodies of the men torn and scattered about. Not one of the bodies of the victims was in a condition to permit identification.

By this time the news became current on the surface. Men and women flocked about the slope mouth in hundreds. Raging fires were started in the mine, and a number of miners were lowered into the pit, and on the return came ascended the men and boys who had escaped. Some were severely wounded by dirt and dust. Many of the men employed in No. 8ived at Hazelton, and the report caused consternation throughout the town.

It was 10 o'clock before the workmen got the remains of the victims sufficiently together to arrange for holding them to the surface. The scene was heart-rending. From the mouth of the opening a high treble work extends to the tower of the breaker. As the rescuers came up with the bodies, the men took them to recognize them. It was decided to hoist the bodies to the top of the tower and carry them to the surface. The men were too weak to move away from the crowd. It was 11 o'clock before the first box was hoisted up. The others followed quickly, and they emerged from the tower. The scene was heart-rending in the extreme. It was repeated until the last of the victims had been hoisted to the surface. The undertakers took charge of the bodies.

Charles O'Donnell was the only one who could be identified. The other seven men, however, it was necessary to find the living men, as it was not known how many stood around the supper house when the explosion occurred. No. 8 is the only mine in the district which has been dynamited, and the names are not now obtainable. The names of the victims, as furnished by the mine, are as follows:

CHARLES O'DONNELL, Andrew Sabol, aged 38; married; John Kehoe, aged 32; John Kehoe, aged 22; married; John Murphy, John Kehoe, aged 22; married; John McLaughlin, aged 44; married; John Hartigan, aged 25; single.

UPDIKE, SR., IN CONTEMPT.

On a Bond Without, as Alleged, Having Substance to Back It.

Judge Blischoff of the Court of Common Pleas signed an order yesterday adjudging Edwin S. Updike, Sr., in contempt for having falsely made affidavit of his sufficiency as a surety on a bond executed April 2, 1891, to John J. Hopkins in the sum of \$10,000, in discharge of a criminal charge of being a fugitive from justice to be entered against Updike in \$1,445.82 and has issued an order of arrest to the Sheriff. For the past year he has been estranged from his wife, David S. Updike, who is a lawyer at 80 Broad Street. Services will be held on Aug. 1, 1894, at 10 a.m. He would appear for himself and his father and make confess or allow judgments to be taken against him.

The defendant is said to be living in Madison avenue and 106th street, but Deputy Sheriff Walinger says that he cannot find him.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

New York Stock Exchange—Sales July 17, UNITED STATES AND STATE BONDS (\$1,000,000, 100 U.S. &c., 1146-1147; 5 Va. Fed. 9-34 or 100 U.S. &c., 1146-1147; 1991-1992—56).

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